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For: REMOTE TESTING OF A COMMUNICATIONS LINE

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July 5, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated February 5, 2002 (for which petition is hereby made for a two-month extension of time), please amend the subject patent application as follows. The changes made to the claims by the current amendment are shown in the attached sheets, the first of which is captioned "Version marked to show changes made."

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace claims 29 and 33 with the following rewritten claims:

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29. (Amended) Apparatus for remotely measuring characteristics of a communications line, comprising:

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